



## *State Legislator Member Coverage Plan 2 – Fact Sheet*

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### *Applies to:*

- ✓ State legislators and lieutenant governors who serve terms of office which end after December 31, 2002.

### *Eligibility:*

- ✓ State legislators and lieutenant governors must elect to be a member **no later than 180 days after first taking office** to be covered under State Legislator Member Coverage Plan.

### *Contributions:*

- ✓ \$500 for each year of service credit prior to 2012 session; \$600 for each year of service credit beginning with the 2012 legislative session.
- ✓ Legislative service credit is earned each calendar year during which the member fulfills the obligations of the position of legislator for more than six months of the calendar year, including the legislative session.
- ✓ Legislators are not required to make member contributions until after the legislative session has ended and PERA verifies service credit.
- ✓ PERA will invoice legislative members for \$600 to cover member contributions for each legislative session after the session ends. Invoices are sent in July or August.

### *Age and Service Requirements for Normal Retirement*

- ✓ Age 65 or older with 5 or more years of service credit; or
- ✓ Any age with 10 or more years of service credit.

### *Pension Calculation:*

- ✓ Receive an annual pension equal in any calendar year to 11% of the per diem rate in effect, pursuant to Section 2-1-8, NMSA 1978, on the first day of the calendar year that the legislator or lieutenant governor retires multiplied by 60 and further multiplied by credited service as a legislator or lieutenant governor.
- ✓ The per diem rate for January 1, 2012 is **\$154**.

Example for retirement at present per diem rate:

11% multiplied by \$154 = \$16.94

\$16.94 multiplied by 60 = \$1,016.40

10 years of service credit multiplied by \$1,016.40 = \$10,164.00 annually

\$10,164 divided by 12 months = \$847.00 monthly pension

**Note:** The pension example is calculated under Option A – a straight life option providing a monthly benefit for a member’s lifetime. If a beneficiary is chosen to receive a pension for his or her lifetime after the member dies, the pension amount would be reduced.